

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3 and ending at page 1, line 4 with the following paragraph.

Field of the Invention

This invention relates to switches, and more particularly - but not exclusively - to switches for use in computer systems.

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Background of the Invention

Over the last few decades, the use of computers has become widespread in business, education and at home. Modern computers are typically controllable by way of graphical user interfaces (GUIs) which allow a user to control the computer simply by manipulating a cursor to select commands from lists of alternatives displayed in pull-down menus on the screen of the computer.

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Summary of the Invention

In accordance with an aspect of the invention, there is provided a switch comprising an outer housing and an inner component; switch means operable to provide a signal upon depression of said outer housing; resilient biasing means located between the inner component and the outer housing to

provide a force which biases the outer housing from the inner component; and means for varying the spacing between the inner component and the outer housing and hence the biasing force provided by said resilient biasing means.

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Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 is a cross-sectional view through a switch in its initial state;

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Detailed Description of the Invention

As shown in Figure 1, the switch 1 of this embodiment comprises an outer housing 3, an inner component 5, and a base 7. Although not apparent from the figures, the switch 1 - in plan view - is generally circular.